satellite communication which will be installed during current Plan Period.

Statement II

Details of Achievements during the year 1994-95 for Betterment of Services in Orissa

(i) Already 99.04 per cent of exchanges in Orissa are Electronic exchanges and 8 electro-mechanical exchanges have been replaced by electronic exchanges during the year.

(ii) Computerisation in respect of 3 Fault Repair Services and 3 Telecom Revenu Billing have been done during the year.

(iii) Besides the above, 6700 old type of telephone instruments, 13 KM of old Under Ground Cable and 735 KM of old and worn-out cable have been replaced with new ones during the year to improve the quality of services in Orissa.

Satellite Link for Money Order in Hyderabad

359. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hyderabad has been brought under satellite link for delivery of money orders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether more places in Andhra Pradesh will be brought under the satellite link for money order deliveries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) In order to speed up transmission of Money Orders, the Department of Posts has initiated a project of electronic data transfer through VSAT (Very Small Aparture Terminal) and sattellite channel. 6 VSATs for this project have been set up in Delhi, Madras, Bangalore, Lucknow, Patna and Shimla and 20 more including those at Hydereabad and Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh are presently under installation. Altogether 75 VSAT stations are to be set up in the country during the current plan period including a few more in Andhra Pradesh

Concessional I.S.D call charges

360. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to reduce International Subscriber Dail call charges during holidays;

(b) if so, the deatils thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that foreign telecom companies offer concessioned ISD calls; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The question of tariff for oversees communication services is dependent upon a number of factors including revenue sharing with other countries and is, therefore, examined by the Government periodically.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Same as at 'a' and 'b' above.

Changes in the set up of postal Divisions

361. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to effect some changes in the present set up of Postal Divisions' Officers and Accounts Section in the Postal offices; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) It is the constant endeavour of the Government to ensure that administrative structures function with optimum effi-